Private participation in power projects in Haryana

1197. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Yamunanagar thermal and Faridabad gas-based power station and the proposed thermal power plant at Hissar have been entrusted for execution to private parties if so, what are the details of the contracts and the likely dates of completion;

(b) the steps taken to augment Plant Load Factor (PLF) of Faridabad and Panipat Thermal Power Station; and

(c) what is the shortfall in demand and availability of energy in Haryana at present and what are the plans to ensure adequate supply of power in that State to bridge the present gap and by when self-sufficiency is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yamunagar thermal power plant is proposed to be executed through a Joint Venture Company (JVC) consisting of Haryana State Electricity Board and United Development Incorporated of Eienburg Group of Companies, Israel. An agreement has been signed between United Development Incorporated and ESEB on 25-1-1995 which provides for financial closing within six month's time. The entire power generated from this plant shall be purchased by Harvana State Electricity Board. Likely date of completion of 1st unit is January, 1999 and IInd unit July, 1999.

The gas based thermal power project at Faridabad is a NTPC project in the central sector As regards, Hissar thermal power plant Government of Haryana had decided to advertise the project in private sector on global basis.

(b) Various steps being taken for optimum utilisation if installed capacity at Faridabad and Panipat. Thermal Power Station include expenditure implementation of renovation and modernisation scheme of both the stations, training of operation and maintenance staff in undertaking plant betterment programmes, implementation of incentive scheme for generation|economic operation, etc.

(c) During the period April 1994 to Feb., 1995, the energy requirement in Haryana was 10700 million units (MU) against which the availability was 10156 MU, which represents a shortage of 5|1 per cent as against a national average shortage of 7.1 per cent. In order to bridge the gap between demand and availability, various measures being taken include maximising generation from existing capacity, implementation of R & M programme, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures. assistance from neighbouring states|system etc.

Promotion of use of Hindi

1198. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has chalked out any plan to promote the use of Hindi language in its entire administratitn and other wings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and formulated and being implemented by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMI): (a) to (c) The schemes to promote use of Hindi language are formulated by Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Official Language for implementation by the Ministries| Departments/Officers of Government